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Nothing will be admitted to its columns that is unworthy of cordial welcome to every family circle.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions for the present year will confer a favor by enclosing the same to Wm. P. Lyon, Bloomfield. The \$2.00 subscriptions received for the second volume expired on the 14th of Feb. Their renewal requires \$1.75 to be paid, which will run to the end of the present volume in December next.

Any subscriber is entitled to have an extra copy sent to any address, by the payment of \$1.00. We hope many will avail themselves of this offer. Our CALDWELL readers will be gratified with the increased interest for their village which our columns indicate. We hope to receive a large accession to our subscription list there and also in VERONA. The Post-masters have consented to take the names and money and forward them to us. We hope our friends everywhere will rally to our support and encouragement by prompt responses.

DISCUSSION vs. CONTROVERSY.

The GAZETTE has labored long enough in these communities to be well understood except by the few who are wilfully blind. But no one will accuse us of departing from the principles we avowed in the beginning of this enterprise. An appeal to the files of our paper will certainly vindicate our title to respect for consistency.

For "Controversy," as we have hitherto stated, we have no heart; it rarely, if ever, furthers the ends of truth or love. Therefore we shall maintain an inveterate repugnance to it; but free and fair investigations, independent and logical discussions of all proper subjects, we both practice ourselves and encourage in our contributors. We are not afraid of the truth. It will bear scanning, turning, viewing in every light; it is neither dismayed nor abashed by full ventilation and the most rigid scrutiny.

Our outspoken candor in reference to late town matters in Bloomfield has, we are happy to say, attracted general attention and elicited free comments. That is just what we desired and expected. It is regretted that any should have made unwarranted and unfair inferences. We have not impugned any man's motives or principles; but, in our remarks upon the Town Committee's annual report, we felt that our duty to our townsmen required that we should express clearly and unequivocally their dissatisfaction with a mere array of tables and figures, without explanations in detail, and without evidence to vouch for correctness and fidelity.

Of the election. We have higher sense of our responsibility and of our duty to our fellow citizens at large than to compromise right principles and jeopard the very bulwark of their freedom by allowing the ballot box—that palladium of our liberties—to be controlled and the ballots handled and counted by men, technically irresponsible and unanswerable, without raising our voice at the "irregularity;" that at least it may not be appealed to hereafter as a precedent. As we are neither hypocrites, nor time servers, we speak frankly and earnestly, because we feel deeply, and we know the people lay these things to heart. Our business is with principles. Our remarks have no personal bearing. We ourselves voted for all the officers elected but two. And it will give us pleasure when we shall find occasion to command the doings of the officers now entering upon their duties. They certainly may rely upon fair criticisms in our columns, and if censure be at any time stoked, its source will be traced to the popular mind, whence we claim to derive our inspiration, on practical local affairs at least. We shall ever be true to the people and to the best interests of the town.

The pleasant and sprightly letters of our Caldwell correspondent are attracting attention.

THE SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The Second Annual Institute of Essex County, will be held in Bloomfield next week, beginning Tuesday morning. The roll will be called at ten o'clock; and in the afternoon, at half past two. On the remaining three days the sessions will begin at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. respectively.

Teachers are required to bring with them blank books in which to take notes of the proceedings; instruction in reference to this will be given at the opening of the institute. Use will be made of these notes before final adjournment.

As the hotels and boarding houses will not be able to accommodate all the teachers, the citizens have very hospitably opened their houses to entertain the ladies during the week. We hope that the intercourse which by these means will take place between the people of the town and the teachers of the county, will not only be mutually agreeable, but that it will produce increased interest among parents and the citizens generally, in our own schools.

This reason of the year is in some respects unfavorable for holding such a meeting: moving, house-cleaning, and other domestic matters tend to keep the heads of households pretty closely confined at home. But if they will make a little sacrifice of convenience, and postpone some of this important business for a week or two, they may rest assured that the personal benefit gained, and the general interest in our schools which will result from this attention, will fully repay them for their trouble.

In addition to the usual programme on such occasions, particular attention will be given to the subject of elocution and reading. These exercises will be conducted by Prof. J. M. Watson and Miss Laura A. Vail, both well known for great success in their profession.

Classes of children, also, will be brought before the Institute to illustrate methods and results of primary instruction. The Lectures on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be of unusual interest, and particularly suited to a general audience.

HOME MATTERS.**BLOOMFIELD.****WEATHER CHRONICLE.**

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre.

March 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
At 7 A. M. 50° 46° 31° 43° 30° 15° 24°

57° 44° 48° 44° 33° 27° 46°

At Noon 59° 41° 46° 44° 34° 26° 41°

W. R. PERKINS.

Franklin Street Improvements.

Most of our citizens have probably noticed the erection of a number of nicely appearing brick and frame houses on Franklin and Race streets. Yet there are only a few perhaps who know the extent of this improvement.

There are in all upwards of 30 houses situated as follows—on Franklin Ave. a row of twelve brick houses two story and french roof—also one frame house just completed and ready for occupancy—on Race st. six two story brick houses—on Oakland Ave., a street running parallel with Franklin, there are 14 frame houses, a row of seven on either side of the street—The row on the East side of this street will be two story and french roof.

There are also on Newark Ave., the street into which the horse cars turn from Franklin st., six three story brick houses with brown stone trimmings. These last are especially well fitted with water and gas, and all are hard finished and furnished with marble mantels.

There is also a two story factory which may be rented.

All these buildings have been erected under the immediate and careful supervision of the owner Mr. O'Leary.

We understand that it is the policy of Mr. O'Leary to offer these houses at such prices and terms as will place a pleasant home within the reach of the humblest members.

Several of these houses have already been rented and more will soon be. Gib son, from Newark, and Colegrove, from Jersey City, occupy two of them.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—We are frequently asked, but are unable to say what progress the Committee on the Pastorate is making towards calling a new Pastor. We believe they are giving the subject diligent attention and have listened to several clergymen, deemed eligible and open to call, who have preached from the pulpits of neighboring towns. One thing we are assured of is that this church has been very fortunate in engaging Rev. Dr. D. B. Coe, to supply the pulpit till another pastor shall be settled. Last Sunday morning it was our pleasure to listen to a rich treat from Dr. Coe, founded on the text: "Can a man be profitable unto God?" Job 22:12. Never was man more completely stripped of all personal claims and of the shadow of merit of the divine clemency, than in this very able and exhaustive discourse, so replete with light, instructive in thought, and convincing in argument.

Rev. A. C. French will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, next Sunday morning.

CONSTANT READER.

WEST END.

Westward the Star of Empire, &c.

Montclair, Mar. 23, 1874.

MR. FURR:

Living as I do in the beautiful West End of this charming Village, and remembering, also, that Bloomfield has its elevated and enchanting West End, I take the liberty of sending you an explanation, taken from an old English Magazine, of the physical and organic reasons of the universal preference of the West over the East. I hope you will be able to give it a place and oblige a

NOTES.—Our Correspondent, E. R. M., did not adduce instances of whole farms being sold at eight times the assessed value. That was not his point. The point was, if we rightly apprehended his article, that a farm which would not be sold by the owners for eight times the assessed valuation, when a portion of it was bought for building lots, then the assessment on those lots is immediately raised to eight times the previous valuation. But E. R. M. can speak for himself.—Ep.

ESSEX.

Preparations are making for a first class side walk on Bloomfield Avenue from Highland Avenue to Ridgewood Depot.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The new Town Committee held their first session last Friday evening. All present.

James C. Beach was elected President for the ensuing year.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:

On Sidewalks, Crosswalks and Lamps—John Sherman, Samuel J. Potter.

On Roads—C. Van Houten, W. Richards, J. B. Reardon.

On Poor and the Poorhouse—C. Van Houten, W. Richards.

On Public Grounds—Thomas Oaks, W. Richards, J. B. Reardon.

The following officers appeared and filed their oaths of fidelity:

Town Clerk—John F. Folsom.

Judge of Election—John Hall.

Collector—Ira Campbell.

Commissioners of Appeals—Wm. Cadmus, Thos. J. Langstroth.

Assessor—Joseph K. Oaks.

Overseer of Poor—James M. Walker.

Constables—Moses Davis, George W. Perry.

The Collector, Town Clerk and Overseer of Poor also entered into the required bonds.

The Clerk was ordered to notify the taxpayers in the several sidewalk districts to meet on Monday evening, March 30th, to vote on appropriations for grading.

Dist. 1. At School House at Brookdale.

2. At Friendship Hall.

3. At C. Pierson's Store.

4. At Railroad Depot.

W. K. Williamson, Esq., was elected Town Counsellor.

Dr. C. H. Bailey was elected Town Physician.

Regular meetings of the Township Committee are to be held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 3 p.m.

RECONSIDERED.—At the request of Justice Hall a recount was made on Tuesday of the votes polled at the late Town Election for Overseer of the Poor. The result of this count seems to prove that the original canvass gave to Walker, the successful candidate a majority, 100 per cent too much! that is to say in the former count he had a majority of four, in this it is only two.

A meeting of the officers and managers of the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloomfield will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jason Crane on Thursday April 2d, at 3 o'clock P. M.—Mrs. R. N. Dodd, Secy.

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CALDWELL—THE GEM OF THE HILLS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The "Young Ladies' Social Union" gave another of their inimitable entertainments on Friday evening last at the residence of Lambert Spear, Esq. The programme, for this occasion, being of unusual attractiveness, the full strength of the "Union" was represented. Nor was there, as the name of this association would seem to indicate, an exclusiveness in regard to sex. Masculine and feminine, in all the fascination of a fashionable "make-up," were there. It was just such a sprinkling of genders that renders the present tense under such favorable surroundings, "a charming mood." Moreover, in addition to youth and beauty, there was age and experience represented at this social gathering.

When, then, all cities and towns have their best district in the west, it is pretty clear that the cause of it must be some general law entirely distinct from local situation. What is that law? "It arises from the atmospheric pressure," answers the Academy of Sciences. "When the barometric column rises, smoke and pernicious emanations rapidly evaporate in space.

In the contrary case we see that smoke and pernicious vapors remain in apartments and on the surface of the soil. Now, every one knows that of all winds, that which causes the greatest ascension of the barometric column is that of the east, and that which lowers the most is the west.

When the latter blows, it has the inconvenience of carrying with it to the eastern part of the town all the deleterious gases which it meets in its passage over the western parts. It results from that that the inhabitants of the eastern part of the town have to support not only their own smoke and miasma, but those of the western part of the town, brought to them by the west winds.

When, on the contrary, the east wind blows, it purifies the air by causing to ascend the pernicious emanations which it cannot drive to the west. Consequently, the inhabitants of the west receive pure air from whatever part of the horizon it may arrive; and it may be added that, as the west winds are those which most frequently prevail, they are the first to receive the pure air and as it arrives from the country.

After thus explaining why the western parts are the best, the Academy makes these recommendations:

1. That persons who have the liberty

of choice, and especially those of delicate

health, should reside in the western parts

of the towns.

2. That all establishments from which emanate pernicious vapors and gases should be placed in the east.

3. That in building a house in a town, and even in the country, the kitchens and other dependencies from which pernicious emanations may arise should be placed to the east. The members of the Academy who have announced the preceding discovery, and made the preceding recommendations, are, all of them, of European reputation as scientists.

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"UNEQUAL TAXATION."

REPLY TO E. R. M.

MR. FURR: In the GAZETTE of March 21st an article appears headed "Unequal Taxation," in which the writer ascribes the "mischievous" effect of taxation to the stand-still policy which governs so many of our towns to the mismanagement of town affairs under the form of unequal taxation," and then asks why land that is worth thousands of dollars per acre should be taxed one-eighth of its value, while a part that is sold for building lots is rated at one-half."

Your correspondent does not adduce any instance of such unequal taxation, and I take upon me to say that he cannot name any such case in the township of Bloomfield where the land of a whole farm or tract has been sold* for eight times its assessed value.

In no case has any kind of land been rated at less than about forty per cent of its cash value. Of course the estimate of the cash value has always been made according to the best judgment of the Assessor, corrected by revision of the Town Committee.

The exercises were now diversified by an amateur performance. The play was entitled "Slang." Miss Mead, Miss Nettie McChesney, Miss Sarah Ward, Miss Emma Canfield and Mr. Emmons Canfield were the leading actors. Of course the play was complete with telling hits at the "slang phrases" as much in use now even in refined circles. Each character was faithfully delineated, and all the parts of the performance admirably sustained. A flattering acknowledgment followed its completion.

Miss Clara Backus and Miss Mead now entered the company by brilliant manipulations on the piano. Then followed some very pretty enigmatical acting in charades. The whole was concluded by a beautifully executed Quartette in which Miss Spear presided at the piano.

E. S. LaSack, Esq., and other gentlemen, whose names I do not know, also contributed much towards the amusement of the evening. Upon the whole, the "Social Union" is a decided success and promises a great field for usefulness to the young ladies and gentlemen of our village.

You may recollect, Mr. Editor, that a little more than a year ago there was a committee appointed by a town meeting to investigate the Assessor's valuations. After a long and searching investigation, that committee, by its chairman, reported that the valuations on the whole were about right, that is, comparatively.

The plan and specifications for the proposed new Presbyterian church here are in course of development by the architect, Mr. Eichorn, of Newark.

No candid man who knows anything of the matter could make such a statement as that above quoted from your Correspondent's article.

In your Editorial notes you ask on what principle and by what rules does he (the Assessor) discriminate between the land comprised in a thirty acre lot, or a fifty acre lot and several two acre lots located between them, and all in the same district.

I do not know what particular lots you refer to, but probably the two acre lots border on a public road and are in good position for building purposes, while the fifty or thirty acre lot to be put on an equality with the two acre lots would require to have roads laid out and graded through it, at great expense and with such loss of the quantity of the land as the roads would cover.

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The Assessor would invite any of the taxpayers of Bloomfield, so disposed, to call at his office to inform themselves of the valuations of property.

May not the "mischievous" of which your correspondent speaks of, be more justly ascribed to other causes, viz.: the large prices asked by land owners, the dull times of the heavy county tax, with the prospect of its being largely increased every year and the fact that some of the money raised by taxation has not been much of a public benefit, and, as said by an orator at the last Town meeting, has gone to mud!